control measures, cholera innoculation, if resources permit, could be undertaken, in two doses schedule if the population threatened is limited and it is feasible to administer vaccine to nearly all the threatened persons and particularly wherever there is disruption of normal living and break-down of environmental provisions such as in refugee camps or labour camps at construction sites. The scientists all over the world have been trying to develop a more effective vaccine against Cholera. In the past Cholera toxoid was used for control trial but did not show the satisfactory benefit. A controlled field trial of oral wholesale/B Sub-Unit has been undertaken in the past. The result has been encouraging. Some of the other studies are at present in the experimental stage.

However, drugs used in the treatment of specific cases of acute diarrhoeal diseases including cholera, are available indigenously in addition to rehydration therapy. ORS packets are made available through Village Health Guides, Primary Health Centres/Hospitals, etc.

Tourist image of India in the Overseas Markets

1044. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state what steps Government have taken so far for building up of the tourist image of the country in the overseas markets and for the creation of adequate tourist infrastructure within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): Publicity, promotion and marketing overseas is being undertaken through the Central Department of Tourism's offices located in the major tourist generating markets of the world Presently there are 17 tourist offices functioning overseas. Promotional activities include major consumer campaigns on Television and the print media, participation in trade fairs, organising seminars and India evenings, extending advertising and brochure support to tour operators, travel agents, Airlines and all other organisations interested in promoting India. Tourist material in local languages is also produced. For the development of infrastructure in the country, the Central Department of Tourism has formulated a number of schemes such as development of domestic tourist, construction of Yatri Niwases and Yatrikas at pilgrimage centres, development of beach resorts, way-side facilities, augmentation of transport facilities, improvement of facilities for skiing, mountaineering, trekking and adventure tourism, development of facilities along Buddhist Circuits, promotion of Wild Life Tourism etc.

Implementation of Freight Computerisation plan

1045. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken for early implementation of freight computerisation plan of the Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS);

(b) whether it is a fact that the said plan has become redundant due to steep escalation of initial cost estimates;

(c) what is the revised cost estimate to implement this plan;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the main computer for the Centre for Railway Information Systems has not arrived so far;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what would be the ultimate effect thereof on freight computerisation plans; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the Tata Consultancy Services have recommended winding up of the CRIS; if so, on what grounds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) was registered as a Society on 1st July 1986. It is functioning as per the plans.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The project is under review in consultation with the Planning Commission.